

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A packaging device for a fluid product including:

a bottle formed by a body and having a neck with an axis X and an opening, the opening being defined by a rim which includes an inner portion and an outer portion, at least part of the outer portion being axially located above the inner portion;

a cap removably mounted on said bottle, the cap including a hollow portion, an applicator extending within the hollow portion and including an application surface that retains the fluid product for application;

a flow reducer mounted in the opening of the neck, the reducer having a flange resting on the inner portion of the rim of the neck, the flow reducer having a stripper portion for reducing the amount of fluid product from the application surface;

the flange of the reducer extending to a non-zero distance from at least a part of the outer portion of the rim, and further wherein the flange is located axially between said inner and outer portions of the rim of the neck.

Claim 2 (Original): A device according to claim 1, wherein the reducer includes a free end which, with the reducer mounted in the bottle, is located at a non-zero distance, measured transversely relative to the axis X, from a wall of the bottle.

Claim 3 (Original): A device according to claim 2, wherein the transverse cross-section of the reducer is circular and diminishes towards its free end so as to form a tapered portion.

Claim 4 (Original): A device according to claim 1, wherein the reducer is retained by a force fit inside the neck of the bottle.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended). A device according to Claim 4, wherein the reducer is mounted only within the neck ~~wherein an outer surface of the reducer includes a plurality of ribs.~~

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A device according to claim 1, wherein ~~an outer surface of the reducer includes a plurality of ribs~~ the flange of the reducer has an outer diameter smaller than an outer diameter of the inner portion.

Claim 7 (Original): A device according to claim 1, wherein the reducer is made by molding a thermoplastic material from a single piece.

Claim 8 (Original): A device according to claim 7, wherein the reducer is made from a thermoplastic material selected from the group consisting of polyvinyl chlorides, polypropylenes, polyethylenes, polystyrenes, and composite of materials of the polypropylene/ethylene-vinyl-alcohol(EVOH)/polypropylene, polyethylene /polyethylene terephthalate, and polystyrene/EVOH/polyethylene type.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A device according to claim 1, wherein the ~~device~~ ~~further includes a cap which~~ closes the neck opening in a leaktight manner with respect to the product, wherein an inner wall of the cap bears on at least part of the outer portion of the rim.

Claim 10 (Original): A device according to claim 9, wherein the cap includes a screw thread on its inner wall designed to engage with a counterpart screw thread provided on an outer wall of the bottle neck.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A device according to claim ~~10~~ 1, ~~further including an applicator coupled to said cap~~ wherein said neck includes an inner wall and an outer wall, and wherein the inner wall includes a curved internal diameter increasing portion; and such that a diameter of said curved internal diameter increasing portion is larger than diameters of portions of said inner wall above and below said curved internal diameter increasing portion;
wherein the reducer includes at least one rib located in the curved internal diameter increasing portion of the inner wall.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A device according to claim ~~9~~ 11, ~~further including an applicator coupled to said cap~~ wherein the reducer includes a plurality of ribs located in the curved internal diameter increasing portion.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A device according to claim ~~12~~ 1, wherein the applicator is a brush.

Claim 14 (Original): A device according to claim 1, wherein the bottle is made of glass.

Claim 15 (Original): A device according to claim 1, wherein the bottle contains a cosmetic product.

Claim 16 (Original): A device according to claim 1, wherein the bottle contains a nail care product.

Claim 17 (Original): A device according to claim 1, wherein the bottle contains a nail polish.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A device as recited in claim 1, ~~further including a cap removably mountable on said bottle, and~~ wherein in a mounted position in which said cap is mounted on said bottle, said cap is in contact with said rim of said opening and further wherein in said mounted position said cap does not contact the flange of the reducer.

Claim 19 (Original): A device according to claim 18, wherein said reducer includes an end disposed within said bottle which is spaced from an inner side surface of said bottle such that a volume is provided between said end of said reducer and said inner side surface such that, when said bottle is moved to a non-upright position, product in said container is held in said volume without passing out of said opening of said neck thereby reducing spillage when said bottle is in the non-upright position.

Claim 20 (Original): A device according to claim 19, wherein said bottle contains a nail care product.

Claim 21 (Original): A device according to claim 20, wherein said outer portion of said rim includes a seal portion, and wherein said cap contacts said seal portion to form a seal when said cap is in said mounted position.

Claim 22 (Original): A device according to claim 1, wherein said outer portion of said rim is spaced from said inner portion by an axial distance larger than a thickness of said flange of said reducer.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A packaging device for a fluid product comprising:
a bottle having a body and a neck, said neck having an opening defined by a rim, said rim having an inner portion and an outer portion, wherein said neck includes an inner wall and an outer wall, the inner wall including a curved internal diameter increasing portion such that a diameter of said curved internal diameter increasing portion is larger than diameters of said inner wall above and below said internal diameter increasing portion;

a reducer mounted in the opening of the neck, the reducer including a flange and at least one rib, wherein the flange which overlies at least part of said inner portion of said rim, the at least one rib being located in the diameter increasing portion of the inner wall; and

a cap removably mountable on said neck, wherein in a mounted position said cap is in contact with said outer portion of said rim, and wherein in said mounted position said cap does not contact said reducer.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): A device as recited in claim 23, wherein a topmost part of said outer portion of said rim is higher than a topmost part of said flange of said reducer.

Claim 25 (Original): A device as recited in claim 24, wherein said topmost part of said outer portion of said rim forms a seal with said cap when said cap is in said mounted position.

Claim 26 (Original): A device as recited in claim 25, wherein said topmost part of said outer portion of said rim includes a protruding seal portion and said cap contacts said protruding seal portion when said cap is in said mounted position.

Claim 27 (Original): A device as recited in claim 25, wherein said inner portion of said rim is recessed with respect to said outer portion of said rim such that said outer portion of said rim is higher than said inner portion of said rim.

Claim 28 (Original): A device as recited in claim 23, wherein said inner portion of said rim is recessed with respect to said outer portion of said rim such that said outer portion of said rim is higher than said inner portion of said rim.

Claim 29 (Original): A device as recited in claim 28, wherein said inner portion of said rim is recessed from said outer portion by an amount greater than a thickness of said flange of said reducer.

Claim 30 (Original): A device as recited in claim 29, wherein a bottommost part of said outer portion of said rim is higher than a topmost part of said flange of said reducer.

Claim 31 (Original): A device as recited in claim 23, wherein a bottommost part of said outer portion of said rim is higher than a topmost part of said flange of said reducer.

Claim 32 (Original): A device as recited in claim 23, wherein said cap includes an applicator coupled thereto.

Claim 33 (Original): A device as recited in claim 32, wherein said bottle contains a cosmetic product.

Claim 34 (Original): A device as recited in claim 32, wherein said bottle contains a nail care product.

Claim 35 (Original): A device as recited in claim 34, wherein said reducer includes an upper portion and a lower portion, wherein said upper portion is disposed closer to said flange than said lower portion, and wherein an inner cross-section of said upper portion is larger than an inner cross-section of said lower portion.

Claim 36 (Currently Amended): A device as recited in claim 35, ~~wherein said reducer includes a plurality of ribs on an outer surface of said upper portion.~~ 23, wherein the flange of the reducer has an outer diameter smaller than an outer diameter of the inner portion.

Claim 37 (Original): A device as recited in claim 36, wherein a volume is defined between an outer surface of said lower portion of said reducer and an inner surface of said bottle such that product in said bottle is received in said volume when said bottle is moved to a non-upright position and spillage is reduced.

Claim 38 (Original): A device as recited in claim 37, wherein said lower portion of said reducer is disposed inside of said neck of said container.

Claim 39 (Original): A device as recited in claim 23, wherein said reducer includes an upper portion and a lower portion, wherein said upper portion is disposed closer to said flange than said lower portion, and wherein an inner cross-section of said upper portion is larger than an inner cross-section of said lower portion.

Claim 40 (Original): A device as recited in claim 23, wherein said bottle contains a nail care product.

Claim 41 (Original): A device as recited in claim 40, wherein said bottle is formed of glass.

Claim 42 (Currently Amended): A device as recited in claim 41, wherein said at least one rib protrudes ~~reducer includes at least one rib protruding~~ from a location below said flange, said at least one rib contacts ~~at least one rib contacting~~ an inner surface of said bottle, and further wherein said reducer is tapered below said at least one rib.

Claim 43 (New): A device as recited in Claim 23, wherein said at least one rib includes a plurality of ribs.

Claim 44 (New): A device as recited in Claim 23, wherein an applicator is associated with said cap, said applicator including an application surface that retains the fluid product for application, and wherein when said cap is in the mounted position, said applicator extends through said reducer and said application surface is at least partially positioned below said reducer, wherein said reducer reduces the amount of product on the application surface, as the

cap is moved from the mounted position and the application surface is withdrawn through said reducer.

Claim 45 (New): A device as recited in Claim 44, wherein a bottom of said reducer is above a bottom of said neck such that said reducer is entirely disposed in said neck.

Claim 46 (New): A device as recited in Claim 45, wherein said reducer is tapered and has a diameter which decreases toward a bottom of the reducer, and wherein an outer periphery of said flange is radially spaced from an inner periphery of the outer portion of said rim.

Claim 47 (New): A device as recited in Claim 11, wherein said reducer is entirely positioned in said neck, and wherein an outer periphery of said flange of said reducer is radially spaced from an inner periphery of said outer portion of said rim.